



All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-highway vehicles (OHV) may not be operated on unimproved property in the City of Goodyear without the prior written permission of the property owner.

Where to use OHVs

There are many facilities available in Arizona specifically for all-terrain vehicle and off-highway vehicle recreation:

- Granite Mountain Multiuse Area, north of Dynamite Blvd., east of Pima Road, in Scottsdale.
- Desert Wells Multiuse Area, on Highway 60, south of Baseline Road in Pinal County.

For a complete list of locations and other information, visit the Arizona State Parks web site, www.pr.state.az.us and click on "Off-Highway Vehicle Program," or call the Recreational Trails Coordinator at 602-542-7130.

More information, regulations and helpful tips can also be found on the Arizona Game & Fish web site, www.azgfd.gov by clicking on "Outdoor Recreation," or call the Arizona Game & Fish OHV coordinator at 602-789-3306.

The Arizona ATV Riders is a club dedicated to improve the public's perception of ATV riders. Visit their web site at www.azatvridders.org. For a list of ATV clubs, visit www.atvsource.com.

Goodyear City Ordinance



let's
make
it clear

Information
on the use
of all-terrain
vehicles (ATV)
and off-highway
vehicles (OHV)
in desert areas
in the City of
Goodyear



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History

The City of Goodyear has received numerous complaints about problems caused by the use of motorized vehicles, such as OHVs and ATVs, in the Gila River bed and other desert areas within the City's boundaries:

- Dust clouds seriously reduce drivers' visibility on the roads.
- Dust and odor is unhealthy to those with allergies and other medical problems.
- Ecological damage is caused by oil, gasoline, tracks and debris.
- Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) often drive dangerously close to the roadways.
- Excessive noise is created.

In addition to these concerns, the City is required to comply with Maricopa County Air Quality Regulations. Failure to comply can cost the City up to \$10,000 per day in fines.

The City of Goodyear has created this brochure in an effort to better manage safety and environmental issues as well as educate riders about the City of Goodyear's ordinance regulating OHV and ATV activity.

Goodyear City Ordinance

Goodyear Ordinance 2006-981 Section 11-1-24

- A.** It is unlawful for any person to operate or drive any motor vehicle, motorcycle, minibike, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), motor scooter, or other form of transportation propelled by an internal combustion engine on private and/or public property that is not held open to the public for vehicle use without the prior written permission of the owner of the property, the person entitled to the immediate possession of the property, or the authorized agent of either. The property owner, person entitled to possession of the property, or invitee who has written permission may operate such vehicles if such use does not violate any other applicable laws.
- B.** The prior written permission required shall:
1. Contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person granting permission for use of the property;
 2. Describe the interest the person granting permission has in the property (i.e. property owner, lessee, agent etc);
 3. If the person granting permission is not the owner of the property, the written permission shall also contain the name, address, and phone number of the property owner;
 4. Specify the period of time for which permission for the use of the property is being granted; and
 5. Be signed by the person granting permission for the use of the property.
- C.** Whenever any person is stopped by a Police Officer of the City for a violation of subsection (A) of this section, he/she shall, upon the request of the Police Officer display the written permission.
- D.** A violation of this section is subject to the penalties set forth in Goodyear City Code Section 1-1-8. This is a misdemeanor offense with a fine up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment for a period of up to six months.

Safety and Preservation

It is the goal of the City and the Goodyear Police Department to reduce the problems encountered by our citizens, keep the roads clear and protect the land. The law promotes safe, responsible, and ethical use of off-highway vehicles while protecting our environment. City Ordinance 2006-981 will be enforced and signs which prohibit motorized vehicles will be posted.

Limiting OHV use in the City will stop the excessive dust and noise, making it safer for drivers and healthier for citizens. The elimination of dust keeps the air clean and roads visible and meets the Maricopa County regulations regarding air quality. Off-highway vehicle use in designated areas only, makes motorized vehicle recreation safer and more fun for the rider.

Off-highway and all-terrain vehicles are a popular and legitimate recreation, but it is necessary to recognize and minimize the impact to wildlife, vegetation, air quality and the natural environment.

